GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SURVEY REGARDING CANCER CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conduted any survey regarding the cancer cases/deaths in the country ;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof, category-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c): As per data collected through National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an estimated 4.4 lakhs people die of cancer every year and about 7-9 lakh new cancer cases are detected every year. At any given point of time there are 2.5 million cancer patients in the country. However, no survey has been conducted regarding the cancer cases/ deaths in the country.

Health being a State Subject, it is for the State Governments to ensure that adequate facilities for early detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer are made available. Central Government under the schemes of National Cancer Control Programme lays special emphasis on early detection of Cancer through screening, promoting health education, creating awareness etc. under District Cancer Control Programme. There are 25 Regional Cancer Centres in the country providing comprehensive cancer care treatment.